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SERIES**

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Dan Tamashiro was raised in Germany, where he was taught table tennis by his grandfather. It turns out his grandpa was a former champion, and now Dan has arrived in Japan to take the table tennis world by storm! He first meets Marin Shiraishi, one of the top young female players in the country. Dan quickly proves he's got the skills, but can he compete against the best?



LET US KNOW WHAT YOU THINK IN THE **WEEKLY SURVEY!**

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CHAPTER 2:

ROAR



HE  
MUST BE  
WIPE OUT.  
HE DID  
ONLY JUST  
ARRIVE IN  
JAPAN.

THAT  
SLEEPING  
FACE IS  
SO NOT  
BEAUTIFUL.



WHAP

YOU  
SUCK  
AT  
PING-  
PONG!

THAT  
WOKE  
HIM UP.



SPACE  
CASE!

TWERP!

WE'RE  
HERE.



...

HE'S  
OUT  
COLD.



YEAH,  
YEAH,  
I GOT  
IT.

I HAVE A  
REPUTA-  
TION TO  
MAINTAIN,  
GOT IT?

GOT  
IT.

THAT'S  
ONE  
"YEAH"  
TOO  
MANY!!



WHEN  
WE GO  
INSIDE,  
DON'T  
EMBAR-  
RASS  
ME.

LISTEN  
UP.



THIS IS  
SETAGAYA  
TABLE  
TENNIS  
ACADEMY?

THE  
ONE  
AND  
ONLY.

HAS HE  
NEVER  
BELONGED  
TO A  
TABLE  
TENNIS  
TEAM  
BEFORE  
...?



...IS  
AWFUL,  
MARIN.

A WOMAN  
WHO  
DOESN'T  
MIND EVEN  
THE BARE  
MINIMUM IN  
MANNERS...

WHEN  
YOU'VE GOT  
TALENT, YOU  
FORGET  
ABOUT THE  
LITTLE  
THINGS!!

I WAS JUST  
ABOUT TO  
INTRODUCE  
HIM TO YOU,  
ICCHAN.

Ah  
no  
no!

BARELY  
THROUGH  
THE DOOR  
AND SHE  
ALREADY  
GOT TOLD  
OFF.

H  
M  
M  
M  
?

I'M  
DAN  
TAMA-  
SHIRO.

HIM?

LET HIM  
JOIN OUR  
SCHOOL!







THIS  
IS OUR  
BASEMENT  
TABLE  
TENNIS  
HALL.

IT  
LOOKS  
AWESOME.



WE'RE  
THE ONLY  
PRIVATE  
SECTOR  
TOP  
SCHOOL—  
THAT'S  
WHAT WE  
CALL ELITE  
COACHING  
SCHOOLS  
...

...IN THE  
ENTIRE  
NATION.



YUR

IF MARIN  
BROUGHT  
YOU HERE  
...

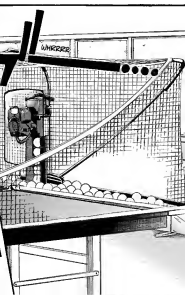
...YOU'VE  
GOT BIG  
TABLE TENNIS  
AMBITIONS,  
RIGHT?

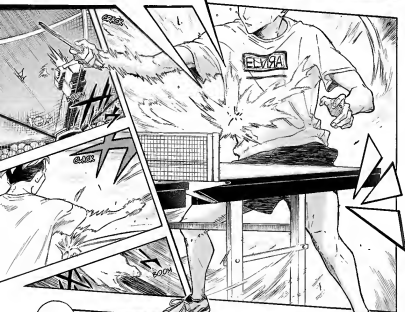


WE HAVE  
SPECIAL  
PLAYERS LIKE  
MARIN HERE...

...BECAUSE  
WE'RE  
DIFFERENT  
FROM OTHER  
TABLE TENNIS  
SCHOOLS.

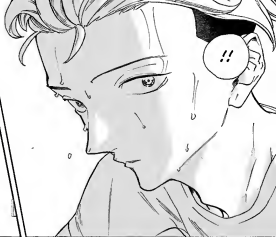


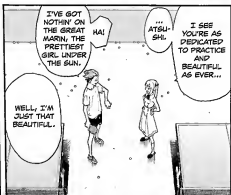




...  
STRAIGHT  
DOWN THE  
CENTER  
LINE!

HE'S RE-  
TURNING  
EVERY  
ONE...





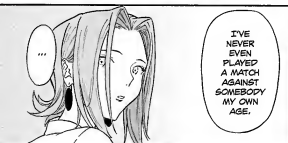






...SO I  
HAVEN'T  
COMPETED  
IN ANY  
TOURNA-  
MENTS  
YET.

WE LIVED  
WAY OUT  
IN THE  
COUNTRY-  
SIDE...



...

I'VE  
NEVER  
EVEN  
PLAYED  
A MATCH  
AGAINST  
SOMEBODY  
MY OWN  
AGE.



...IS  
ALL I  
HAVE.

PING-  
PONG  
...



WHERE  
ARE YOU  
FROM?

GER-  
MANY.

GER-  
MANY  
?!

THAT'S  
FAR!

SO  
THAT'S  
WHAT IT  
MEANT.

THE  
GLINT IN  
HIS EYES  
WHEN  
HE WAS  
STARING  
AT  
ATSUSHI  
...

I  
SEE  
...

HE'S RARING  
TO BECOME  
SOMEBODY-  
STARVING  
FOR IT.

THE KID'S  
HUNGRY.

I STARTED  
THIS SCHOOL  
FOR KIDS  
LIKE YOU.

LISTEN,  
DAN.





ISN'T THAT  
AWFULLY  
UNFAIR?

BUT ONLY  
A HANDFUL  
OF KIDS  
CAN GET IN.



IT'S A  
GOVERN-  
MENT-RUN  
INSTITUTE  
...

...THAT  
GATHERS  
UP THE  
MOST  
PROMISING,  
TALENTED  
KIDS AND  
DEVELOPS  
THEM INTO  
FUTURE  
STAR  
ATHLETES.

THESE DAYS,  
JAPAN HAS  
THE OLYMPIC  
COMMITTEE'S  
NATIONAL  
ELITE  
ACADEMY.



SHOULDN'T  
WE PROVIDE  
THOSE KIDS  
WITH AN  
ENVIRONMENT  
THAT'LL GET  
THEM THERE?

THERE ARE  
LOTS OF  
KIDS WHO  
WANT TO GET  
STRONG.



...TO  
KNOW  
THAT.

I DIDN'T  
NEED  
TO BE A  
TABLE  
TENNIS  
PLAYER  
...



TO BEAT  
CHINA...

...YOU  
NEED THE  
PERFECT  
ENVIRON-  
MENT.



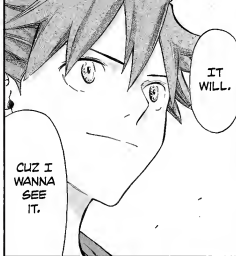
...  
ABOVE  
ME!!

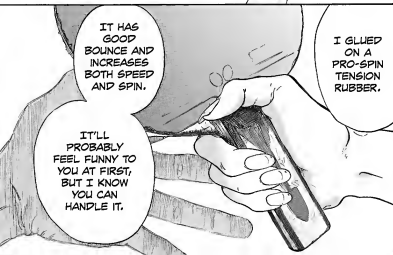
...EVERYBODY...

...JUST...

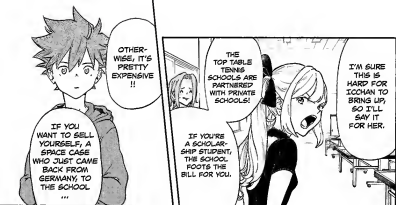
I  
WAN-  
NA...













ALL  
RIGHT.

SO...

HOW  
'BOUT  
THAT  
HAND-  
SHAKE?

50 TO BE CONTINUED...



THAT  
I'M  
ITCHING  
FOR A  
MATCH?



YOU GET  
ALL HOT-  
BLOODED  
...



...WHEN  
IT COMES  
TO PING-  
PONG.